



MEDIA TIP SHEET

Synopsis

The Mysteries of the Rosary is a film series of meditations and contemplative guides on the five mysteries of the Rosary, beginning with the Sorrowful Mysteries. The Mysteries of the Rosary series was all filmed in the Holy Land, narrated and guided by Mark Hartfiel, vice president of Paradisus Dei, and filmed by Dan Johnson, creative director and co-founder at 4PM Media. The Sorrowful Mysteries series consists of seven episodes, which will be released starting at the beginning of Lent.

News Hooks

The Catholic Church is in crisis, people are leaving, and the spiritual attacks are relentless. The Sorrowful Mysteries demonstrate that the answer to all of these problems is the self-sacrificial love of Christ.

The Catholic Church is being attacked at every front: its priests, its doctrinal teachings on abortion and contraception, its very foundation of the family. The self-sacrificial love of Christ is the only answer, which is demonstrated so powerfully in the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Many Catholics use the penitential season of Lent to start new devotions and prayerful practices.

The Mysteries of the Rosary film series is geared towards Lenten devotions. Parishes, families, groups and individuals are urged to use the companion guides to the series on their Lenten devotion journeys. Viewers can see the series through live streaming, downloads and eventually buy the DVD. The first episode was released Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. The remaining Mysteries of the Rosary videos will be released on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22). People interested in seeing the series can visit www.therosaryseries.com and sign up for the email newsletter.

Bio

Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei

For over 15 years, Mark has worked tirelessly to help thousands of men recognize their calling as authentic leaders in their marriages and families through the That Man is You! men's program. Mark is the developer and host of TMİY: The Vision of Man Fully Alive, The Fight of Faith, All Things New, and Thy



Kingdom Come. He graduated from Franciscan University in Steubenville and is the author of “The Hinge of the Hail Mary: The Art of Praying the Rosary,” which was published in 2020. He lives with his wife, Katie, whose love story is told in the book, “Woman in Love”, and their four children in Houston, Texas.

Dan Johnson, Co-Founder and Creative Director of 4PM Media

Dan Johnson graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2007 with a degree in theology. He worked as a youth minister for several years before co-founding 4PM Media, a Catholic production company based in Alabama and most well known for “The Wild Goose” series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. 4PM Media is a full-service production company located in Daphne, Alabama. Founded in 2014, they seek to create something beautiful for God and pride themselves on bringing this inspiration into every project. The production company makes films that bring about an encounter with truth to awaken the viewer to a new way of thinking and inspire them to act accordingly.